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In re Patent Application of:
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For: DEVICE, METHOD, AND PROGRAM FOR
ENCODING/DECODING OF SPEECH WITH
FUNCTION OF ENCODING SILENT PERIOD

Examiner: J. S. Wozniak

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the election requirement mailed on July 7, 2009, Applicant hereby elects the species covered by Species I, Figure 1 without traverse. Claims 1, 16, 22, 28, 34, 51, 57, 74, 79 and 84 read on the elected species.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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